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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner for Patents:

I filed a new patent application on December 17, 2003 [Appl. No. 10/737,329] and received an acknowledgement letter and Confirmation No. 7553 Formalities Letter dated 03/08/2004.


I also received a "Notice to file missing parts of nonprovisional application" filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

I mailed a letter response to the above "Notice to file missing parts..." on March 26, 2004 and June 16, 2004.

To date, I have received NO REPLY to this correspondence from USPTO. Could you please investigate the status of my application? I want to avoid abandonment. To date I am quite frustrated with the entire process. I have attached a copy of my March 26th correspondence as a Microsoft Word Document. This letter clarifies the intent of my original submittal.

Please let me know the status of this patent application and assist me with its successful progression through the USPTO.

Very truly yours,



William Reynolds Stark



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Dear Commissioner for Patents:

I received a filing receipt dated 03/08/2004 in regard to a new patent application 10/737,329. This filing receipt contained a "notice to file missing parts of nonprovisional application" due to a CD that I included with my printed application. However, the CD was only included to facilitate the USPTO in processing said application; I did not intend for it to be a part of the application itself.

My question is this: Can the USPTO simply discard the CD and continue to process my written application? It is my understanding that it is not mandatory to submit a Compact Disk containing the patent application material. It appears that all of the missing parts are due to the inclusion of a CD, which was only sent to facilitate the process, not delay the process. I deeply regret that including this CD caused the otherwise unnecessary issuance of a "Notice to file missing parts of nonprovisional application".

Enclosed please find a copy of the notice to file missing parts of nonprovisional application dated 03/08/2004, as requested as well as a copy of my original patent application submission letter.

Thank you so much for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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